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The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable SHERROD BROWN, a Senator from the State of Ohio.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God whom the heavens of heavens cannot contain, illumine us by Your grace, that we may accurately represent You.

May our Senators today show You their gratitude through humble service to this land that we love. Help them to do Your will by bringing deliverance to captives, guidance for the lost, and relief to the oppressed. Direct their steps and give them the wisdom to focus on the things that truly matter. When bewildered by vicissitudes, may they look to You as the one whom they must seek to please.

Touch us all with Your unfailing love, particularly the many staffers and other unsung heroes and heroines who labor long hours in the back-ground for liberty. We pray in Your merciful Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable SHERROD BROWN led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, June 22, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SHERROD BROWN, a Senator from the State of Ohio, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. BROWN thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, the Senate will conduct morning business this morning. It will be announced as soon as I sit down. Members will speak for up to 10 minutes each under the order. There will be no rollcall votes today or during Monday's session.

### CREATING LONG-TERM ENERGY ALTERNATIVES FOR THE NATION ACT OF 2007

AMENDMENT NO. 1867

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the title amendment to H.R. 6, which is at the desk, be considered and agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment is as follows:

Amend the title so as to read: "An Act to move the United States toward greater energy independence and security, to increase the production of clean renewable fuels, to protect consumers from price gouging, to increase the energy efficiency of products, buildings, and vehicles, to promote research on and deploy greenhouse gas capture and storage options, and to improve the energy performance of the Federal Government, and for other purposes."

### MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—H.R. 2359

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I know that H.R. 2359 is at the desk and due for a second reading.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2359) to reauthorize programs to assist small business concerns, and for other purposes.

Mr. REID. I object to any further proceedings at this time, Mr. President.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection is heard. The bill will be placed on the calendar.

### HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOSHUA MODGLING  
SERGEANT FIRST CLASS WILLIAM ZAPPE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, a few weeks ago, on Memorial Day, I spent a good part of the day in Boulder City, NV, where we have a veterans cemetery. It is new but growing fast. There are almost 25,000 graves in that cemetery which started less than 15 years ago.

On that day, I joined veterans, family, and friends to pay thanks to the Nevadans who have lost their lives in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

On that occasion, I shared the words of President Lincoln when our country was torn apart by the Civil War. Lincoln said:

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